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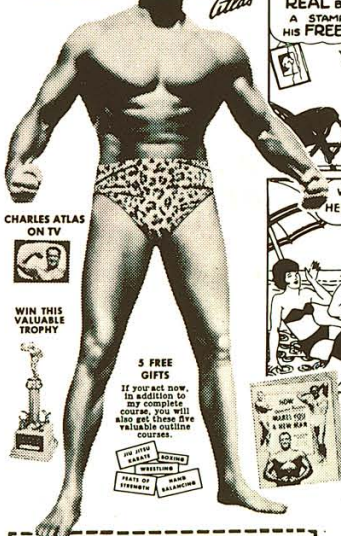
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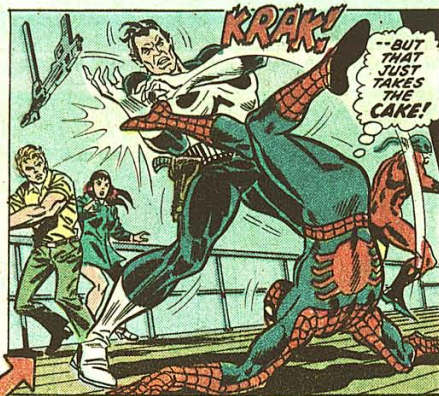
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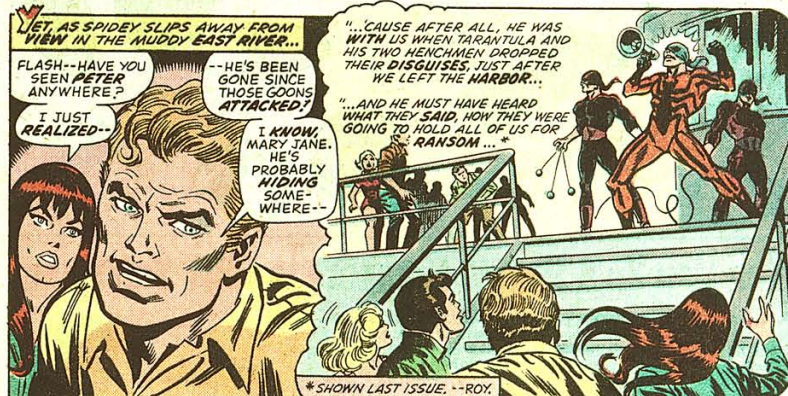
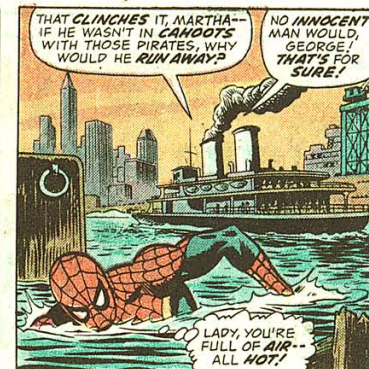
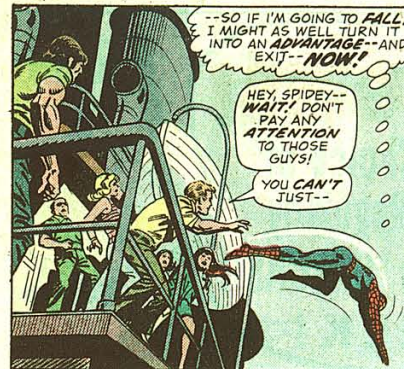
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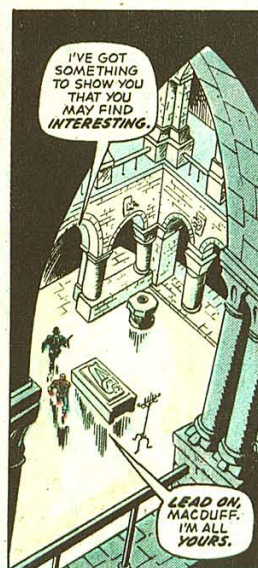
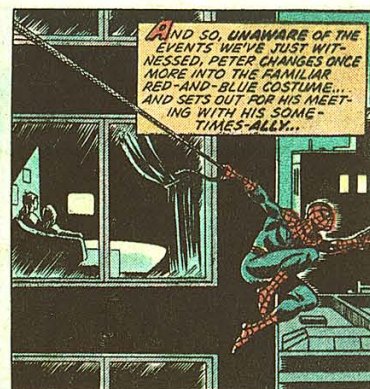
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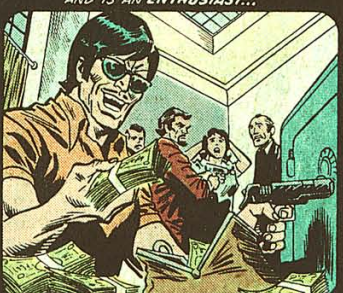
"HE WAS, AT THE LEAST, AN ENTHUSIASTIC SOLDIER. TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS SMALL ARMY, RODRIGUEZ MANAGED TO STRIKE TERROR INTO THE HEARTS OF THE RULING CLASS..."

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Dear Bullpen,

If what you say is true about getting so many hundreds of letters, this will undoubtedly be just another letter to you. It always seems to me that people write in and say how great a story was, but never with any real cause. It really takes a good story to get me to write, and SPIDER-MAN #131 did it. The style, unlike most stories, was packed with action. Great.

I really like Ross Andru. And I'm so glad you've put in another one of those big splash panels (on page 31). If you hadn't put in that corny comment on the bottom, it would have been doubly great. I have some criticisms to make, too.

Why is it that Spider-Man and super-heroes in general have to crack the corniest jokes in existence? Don't tell me they have to keep their spirits up, either, or that they kid around to keep from getting scared out of their wits, because it's not humanly possible to keep joking in times of absolute danger. You claim to

be so realistic (as real as a superhero can be), but accompanying reality is seriousness.

I really think the Spider-Man Code is a good way of giving FOOmers their money's worth. For those that are non-FOOmers, I tease them and tantalize their curiosity. So keep the codes going.

Kolya Fenne
952 Fresno
Berkeley, Ca.

You bet your bottom web, we will, Kolya. In fact, we'll answer your letter in our brand new "Code of the CRAZY Nebbish." Here goes: GNRP SAGEN-FRAZ TYLPX RUMPRUMP KZAT CHOK-FULLANUTZ. (Unfortunately, we haven't yet figured out ourselves how to de-code that particular bit of cryptography, but we're told by good authority that it translates to: "Beyond the wick of the incomprehensible flashlight, the lurks a small turtle." Whatever that means.)

Anyway, thanks for the kind words on SPIDEY #131. But you've got us a little worried with your negative comments on the Web-Spinner's jocular gems. Do the rest of you readers feel as Kolya does? Are we overdoing Spidey's Henny Youngman act? Or do you feel, as we do at this point, that Mr. Parker's humor is an essential element of his character?

People, and Gerry Conway in particular, on issues #130 and 131 AMAZING SPIDER-MAN were two of the most unique, unforgettable issues in the history of that magazine. I can think of only one thing to say that would do them justice.

Thank God it's over.

Steve Saffel
1440 Eastern Ave.
Morgantown, W. Va. 26505

To which we can only reply—HUH?!!



Dear Marvel,

I want to comment on the recent rash of bloodshed in SPIDER-MAN. I must admit that the deaths of Gwen Stacy and the Green Goblin made for just about the best Spider-Man story ever, but the deaths of Dr. Octopus, Hammerhead, and twenty or thirty henchmen were just plain ridiculous.

First of all, the story had so many loose points and unanswered questions as to be literally hanging by a thread. Why in the world was Aunt May going to marry Doc Ock? Why wasn't Peter told or invited? If he was, why didn't Aunt May insist on postponing the wedding until he could be there? Also, to think that a nuclear reactor of any type could be set off just by jarring it is asinine. And it's illegal for a reactor to be privately owned (it would make for a lot of madmen building backyard A-bombs; and don't



give me the excuse that you can own a reactor in the Marvel world, unless the world you're portraying is a mighty stupid one).

Last but not least, you have killed off two of Spidey's greatest foes, both of whom have made for some great stories (and don't tell me some alien snatched them off into another dimension).

It seems Gerry Conway isn't doing so bad in other mags, either. In FANTASTIC FOUR, he has blown up Dr. Doom and turned Franklin Richards into a vegetable.

This letter is getting to be too long, so I'll just say that I really like SPIDER-MAN a lot, and I'm sorry that all I did was complain, but it's just that you came up with such an absolutely stupid story (which I must admit is a rare event).

Keith Helms
1758 Piping Rock Dr.
Memphis, Tenn. 38116

Hoo boy. Let's save the bloodshed question for last, Keith, and deal with some of your other questions and criticisms first.

Aunt May was going to marry Dr. Octopus, because, hard as it is to believe, she loved the eight-limbed little devil. You gotta remember, Mrs. Parker (or is it Mrs. Octavius, now, Ger?) never

believed those awful stories about Ock being a criminal.

As for Peter's not being invited, we think there's one good explanation: Doc Ock didn't want him within ten miles of the place! After all, Pete's antipathy toward the good doctor is well-known. So we can picture Ock giving a little speech like this to Aunt May: "I don't think it would be wise to invite him, dear. You know he dislikes me. Suppose we take our vows and then inform your nephew. I'm certain, in time, he'll come to see things our way." Convincing, no?

Now, about that reactor. We figure it this way. I wasn't privately owned, despite what Gerry said. (We're now playing a new, slightly unfair game called, "We Make The Rules, We Can Change 'Em.") Aunt May obviously inherited the company which owned the reactor and was licensed to own it by the Canadian government. (Okay, Ger? Okay, Keith?)

Finally, you're right. A little jar probably wouldn't set off a nuclear reactor. Probably. But that doesn't make it impossible, does it? (This is another new game called, "Semantics, Semantics. Who's Got The Rules, Semantics?") But since this is a pretty lame explanation, suppose we just award you a no-prize, Mr. Helms, and ask that all be forgiven?

Now to the most important point you've raised—and one that was echoed in many other readers' letters. The number of deaths and apparent deaths that have been occurring lately in SPIDEY.

Let us make one postulation before we go any further with this discussion. We think it's highly unlikely that Doc Ock and Hammerhead are dead. Ditto on Dr. Doom. No, no alien snatched them into another dimension, but villains of their ilk have an uncanny knack of getting out of the most "inescapable" traps in the most bizarre manners imaginable. So let's assume that whatever happened, there's a better than even chance that at least two out of the three survived. Okay?

Now, keeping that in mind, has there still been too much bloodshed in SPIDER-MAN (and in the rest of our mags, for that matter)? It's a sad fact of life that violence kills people, Keith. And somehow we think it may be more wrong to

minimize the effects of violence than it is to show such acts for what they are. We can't help wondering if all those "flesh wounds" sustained in all those B-westerns of decades back didn't convince people, consciously or not, that guns really aren't so dangerous after all.

We'd welcome your fellow readers' opinions on this matter—again, not only as regards to SPIDER-MAN but all the Marvel mags.

Dear Marvel,

"My Uncle/My Enemy" was absolutely great. Gotta hand it to you guys, you keep coming up with plots that keep us readers in suspense. But one problem. In the footnote on page fourteen, panel one, you stated that Gwen died in SPIDER-MAN #221. If my computations are correct, that will be the October, 1981 issue.

R. Hoppe
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So what's the problem, R? You don't like previews of coming attractions???

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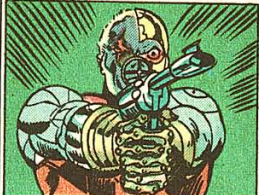
Excelsior!

Stan

ITEM! Special last-minute announcement! Our 35¢ and 60¢ mags have gone the way of all flesh! In other words, we're discontinuing 'em. But, before you gulp that cyanide pill, friend, let us hasten to clue you in—we're just switching all our over-sized epics to one size, one price: just 50¢ for 68 big pages, with a feature-length 30-page all-new spectacular in almost every one of our nine

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ITEM! Hey, guess what! Looking over our ever-frenzied schedule, we just noticed that this is the first time in many months that we're not introducing any new mags—with the exception of a couple of 50¢ extravaganzas, and if you don't count one Deathlok, the Demolisher—which, now that we think of it, doesn't leave us exactly standing still! Fact is, we're just slowing down to catch our breath for a little while, as we consolidate our line of 25¢ and 50¢ color comics—our 75¢ magazine masterpieces—our 40¢ CRAZY fun-fest—that forthcoming Marvel Origins Book that Smiley told you about earlier—and a couple of other projects we can't even mention yet (mainly 'cause right now we can't remember what they are). But, a few short weeks from now, don't be too surprised if it turns out we had another inspiration or three up our sleeve, hear?

MARVELOUS MARVEL MINI-ITEMS! Wedding bells are waking up that Bullpen Gang of ours! First, over the Christmas holidays, it was Marriage-Minded MURRAY RAY FRIEDMAN, our hard-working Assistant Production Manager who specializes in our 75¢ mags, to his lovely ADRIENNE (who, weirdly enough, is a former Hunter College lab partner of Rascally ROY's own wife, JEAN. ••• Then, come January, Merry GERRY CONWAY took a couple of days off from his superhero scripting to tie the nuptial knot with Cute CARLA JOSEPH, Roy's super-secretary and general Gal Friday. Between Ger, who writes several of our mags a month (plus occasional science fiction paperbacks, including a forthcoming series or two), and Carla, who's an off-Broadway playwright in between her many Marvel chores, we've got a feeling that the Conways' neighbors on Manhattan's West Side are gonna be driven out of their skulls by the sound of two twin typewriters clackin' away night and day! Anyway, best wishes both to GERRY and CARLA, and to MURRAY and ADRIENNE—and somebody help our poor editor pick all that rice out of his shoes, will ya?

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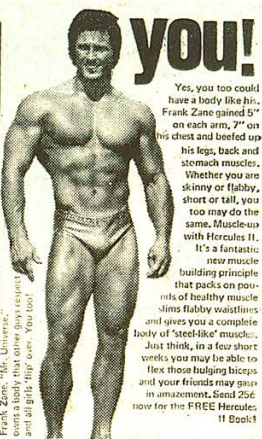
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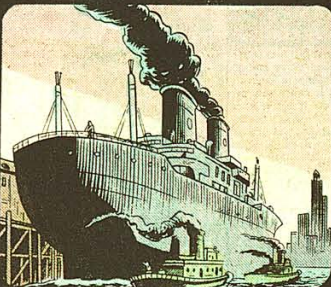
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SO--WHAT **NOW?** YOU KNOW WHERE **BUG-FACE** IS **HIDING**, I SUPPOSE?

EXACTLY, HERE'S MY **PLAN**...



AND SO, TWENTY MINUTES LATER, OUTSIDE A TENEMENT IN THE **WEST ONE HUNDREDS** FACING **CENTRAL PARK**...



PSST-- HEY, HANDSOME. UP HERE.

WHAT--? WHO'S THERE? WHO--



FFF-T!

THREE GUESSES, PAL.

URRRK!



WRRNNHIE



SLLARRK!



WRONG ALL THREE TIMES, BUNKIE.

IT'S YOUR FRIENDLY-NEIGHBORHOOD-SPIDER-MAN!

IF YOU DON'T **MIND**, MY FRIEND--I'D LIKE TO MAKE THE **INITIAL ASSAULT**.

IT'S YOUR **PLAN**, PUNISHER--

DON'T LET ME KEEP YOU FROM PLAYING **ONE MAN ARMY**!

MY THANKS, WEB-SLINGER--



--SOMEDAY, I'LL REPAY YOU IN **KIND**!

KRASH!

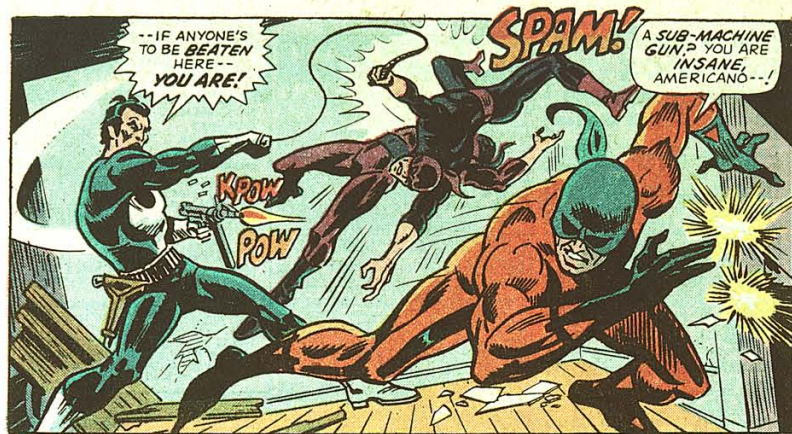
THE PUNISHER! STOP HIM, AMIGOS-- KILL HIM!



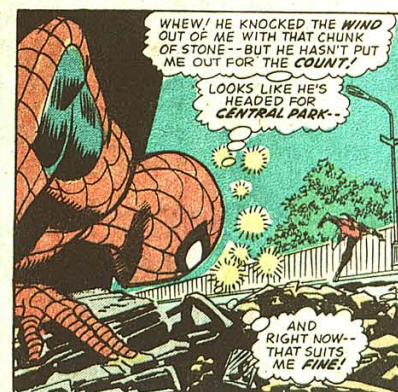
YOU HEARD TARANTULA, BUSTER. HE SAID YOU HAVETA DIE--

SO YOU'RE GONNA DIE-- HUH?

ON THE CONTRARY, SCUM--



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WELL, WELL...WHAT DID I TELL YOU?

THERE'S TARANTULA NOW, MAKING TOWARD THE ROWBOAT MARINA ON THE LAKE...

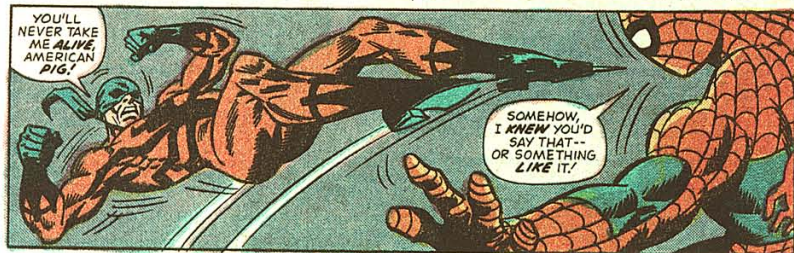
THAT'S JUST THE SETTING FOR THE LAST ACT OF THIS FARCE...



...AND THE CURTAIN GOES UP... NOW.

SURPRISE!

WANT TO COME ALONG QUIETLY --OR DO WE HAVE TO DO THE HERO-VILLAIN SHUFFLE?

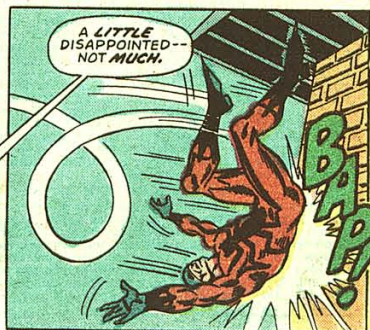


YOU'LL NEVER TAKE ME ALIVE, AMERICAN PIG!

SOMEHOW, I KNEW YOU'D SAY THAT--OR SOMETHING LIKE IT!



AND FRANKLY, I'M KINDA DIS-APPOINTED IN YOUR LACK OF CLASS, OLD BEAN--



A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED--NOT MUCH.

BAP!



NOW, IF YOU'LL HOLD THAT *POSE*, WE'LL WRAP THIS UP WITH A TOUCH OF WEBBING, AND THEN WE CAN ALL GO HOME--ME, TO MY BED--

YOU--TO YOUR CELL!



MOCKERY? YOU DARE MOCK ME? DON'T YOU REALIZE WHO--WHAT--

I AM?

SURE I DO, BUSTER--

YOU'RE A FIRST CLASS CREEP--A TRAITOR TO YOUR OWN FRIENDS.

MEN WHO WERE TRYING TO FREE THEIR PEOPLE FROM A DICTATORSHIP--



AW...YOU MOVED.

WE'LL HAVE TO DO THIS WHOLE THING ALL OVER AGAIN!



UULLLLPPP!

--HEROES WHOSE BOOTS YOU AREN'T FIT TO SHINE!



SPOOSH!

YOU KNOW SOMETHING, 'AMIGO'--IT'S BUMS LIKE YOU WHO GIVE REVOLUTION A BAD NAME.

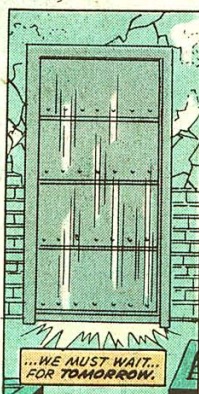
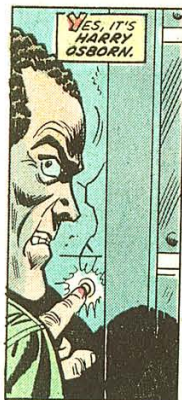
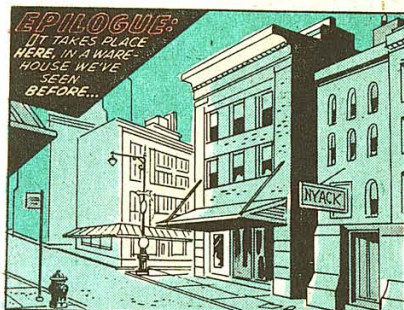
SICK LITTLE CRIMINALS--WHO DON'T GIVE A HANG ABOUT THE CAUSE THEY'RE FIGHTING FOR--WHO ONLY CARE ABOUT THEMSELVES--



--AND THEIR OWN TWISTED EGOS.

SURE, I KNOW WHO YOU ARE...

AND PUNK...SO DO YOU.



ACTUALLY, WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO WAIT TILL NEXT ISSUE, FOR THE BLOCKBUSTER STORY OF THE YEAR, A STORY WHICH CAN ONLY BE TITLED...

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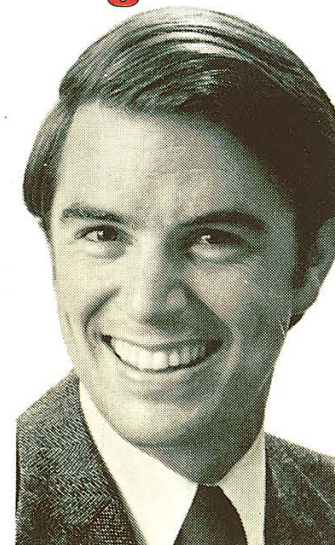
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